

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for the Pigg River and Old Womans Creek watersheds in Franklin County, Pittsylvania County, Henry County and Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia. Segments of these streams were originally listed as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria on the 1998 and 2004 303(d) TMDL Priority Lists. A TMDL was developed to address the bacterial impairment. The TMDL was approved by EPA on September 11, 2006 and is available on DEQ's website at:

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/ReportSearch.aspx>.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 6:30pm** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit comments on the draft document. The draft IP will be available for review on the web no later than **February 12, 2009** at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>. The meeting will be held at the Franklin Center in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

Directions to the Franklin Center: From US 220, take the first Rocky Mount exit. This exit puts you on North Main Street. Go 3-4 miles. You will come to a light that crosses old railroad tracks and onto a bridge. Drive straight ahead (go past The Hub Restaurant), look for Claiborne Avenue on right (between Red Clay Cafe and Rocky Mount UMC). Turn right onto Claiborne Avenue, go ½ mile to The Franklin Center on left.

The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on **Tuesday, March 23, 2009**. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Mary Dail, DEQ, (540) 562-6715 or mrday@deq.virginia.gov. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mary Dail, Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019, telephone (540) 562-6715, fax (540) 562-6725, or e-mail mrday@deq.virginia.gov.